



"Express Mail" mailing label number EV 327 130 532 US

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Our Case No. 6270/134

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Van Gorp et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: Unassigned
Serial No. 10/773,488	)	
	)	Group Art Unit No. 3622
Filing Date: February 6, 2004	)	
	)	
For A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ,	)	
CALCULATING AND	)	
DISTRIBUTING UTILITY COSTS	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the present application, please enter the following preliminary amendment: